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$1-million program for elderly launched

By Chad Ingram

The province is injecting more than $1 million into Haliburton County for the creation of new health-care services aimed mostly at seniors.

A total of more than $1.106 million will be used to establish a Geriatric Assessment and Integration Network (GAIN), establish behavioural supports for those with mental health or neurological conditions, hire a community GAIN co-ordinator, provide assisted living for high-risk seniors, establish a palliative care community team and provide physiotherapy services.

During an announcement at the HHHS facility in Haliburton Jan. 13, Wayne Gladstone, chairman of the province's Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) said the programs "are all designated and designed to improve people's experience with the health-care system."

Some $515,000 of the funding will establish a GAIN team, which will create individualized integrated care plans for high-risk seniors, including those still living in their own homes.

$85,000 will be spent on behavioural support staff with special training in dealing with individuals with mental health issues, dementia and other neurological conditions.

Another $125,000 will hire a GAIN co-ordinator, someone who will support clients and work with primary caregivers to co-ordinate individualized healthcare plans.

Nearly $150,000 will provide assisted living for high-risk seniors still living in their homes and more than $120,000 will establish a palliative care community team, which will work with the HHHS palliative/hospice manager to facilitate a higher quality of living for those approaching the end of life.

Another $110,000 will be used for physiotherapy clinic services.

HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said it was a great day for Haliburton County.

"More importantly, if you're an elderly resident of Haliburton County, this is an absolutely fantastic day for you."

MPP Laurie Scott speaks at a funding announcement at the Haliburton HHHS facility on Jan. 13. /Chad Ingram

Eskedjian thanked the provincial government, the seniors' care network and the staff who received the proposals from HHHS and felt they had merit.

He also thanked the HHHS staff, physicians and others who had helped him make the applications.

"I didn't put these proposals together on my own," he said.

Eskedjian, who noted the funding will mean the hiring of 12 full-time staff members and the creation of two part-time positions, said the cash infusion was the largest investment HHHS had seen in the last 10 years and the second largest it had seen since the construction of the HHHS facilities themselves.

Longtime hospice volunteer and HHHS community advisory committee member Dorothy Owens spoke about the importance of the funding for those facing the end of life.

"Individuals want to remain in their homes for as long as they possibly can," Owens said. "These investments will provide opportunities and access to services that can make that wish a reality and will also provide better quality of life for the living and also for the dying. Haliburton County is a great place to live and it just got even better."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt brought congratulations from Haliburton County council on behalf of Warden Murray Fearrey.

"It's often been said that it takes a village to raise a child," Moffatt said. "I think in our community it takes a village to ensure that seniors and vulnerable folks are safe and healthy in their homes. The programs that are going to be rolled out from this funding are really going to help."

MPP Laurie Scott congratulated Eskedjian and HHHS board members.

"This is like winning the lottery, but it isn't as easy as winning the lottery and I think Varouj and the board here deserve a great deal of credit for engaging in the process of integrating, recognizing the needs of our community and especially the rural challenges we have in delivering the health care that we need," Scott said. "This is a very proud day for Haliburton County."

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Festive R.I.D.E. Campaign Final Results

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) completed the Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Drivers Everywhere) Campaign. After nearly six weeks of the campaign which ran from November 24, 2014 to January 2, 2015 a total of 114 R.I.D.E. checks were conducted in Haliburton County resulted in:

- 7 Approved Screening Device (ASD) tests (Driver's who consumed alcohol but breath samples were less than 50mgs)
- 3 Three-Day Adminstrative Driver's Licence Suspensions
- 1 Drug Possession charge
- 7 Highway Traffic Act Charges
- 2 Liquor Licence Act Charges

There was also one non-R.I.D.E. related Impaired Driving charge and one three-day suspension during this time.

Officers worked extremely hard during this holiday season to ensure the safety of the motoring public was maintained. The OPP would like to remind motorists that although there is a concentrated effort during the holiday season, R.I.D.E. checks are conducted all year round at anytime and anywhere in Haliburton County. We would also like to thank the public for their support in this campaign and to immediately report suspected impaired drivers to the police by calling 1-888-310-1122 or 9-1-1 or *OPP (677) on their cell phone.

Browning to play major role in games

By Jenn Watt

A letter left in the mailbox of one of Canada's best known figure skaters paid off for Ontario 55+ Games manager Myke Malone, who confirmed last week that Kurt Browning would be playing a central role in the Haliburton County event.

"I wrote up a letter and left it in his mailbox out on Mountain Lake in August and didn't hear a response and out of the blue in early December Kurt emailed me," said Malone.

He said Browning was enthusiastic about his involvement, offering to do as much as the organizers wanted him to do.

They took him up on it.

During the games, which run from Feb. 17 to 19 throughout the county, Browning will be the MC of the opening ceremonies, closing ceremonies, present medals at the skating competition and make impromptu appearances at hockey events.

"After about a decade of always being the oldest athlete at the rink, this opportunity to be the youngest was a no-brainer," Browning said in a release. "I look forward to an inspiring games!"

Aside from being a three-time Olympian (1988, 1992 and 1994) representing Canada in figure skating, Browning is the recipient of a lengthy list of honours and awards including the Order of Canada, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the Guinness Book of Records for landing the first quadruple jump ever in competition.

Browning skates with Stars on Ice and was part of the popular CBC show Battle of the Blades.

"This is incredibly exciting news," said chairman of the 2015 games Alan Clark in a release. "I just know that having one of the world's greatest winter athletes present will inspire our participants."

More than 1,000 are expected to attend the games, which offer competition for those 55 and older in sports such as alpine and Nordic skiing, skating, hockey, curling, card games and more.

Browning is not doing formal public appearances, Malone said, but there are a few ways you could improve your chances of seeing him around the county.

Volunteers are invited to attend the closing ceremonies, which will include Browning lip syncing with a Haliburton super group of musicians.

"If the general public get out to any of the hockey games or skating competition they may have a chance to see him or meet him then," Malone said.

The games needs volunteers. See story on page 7.

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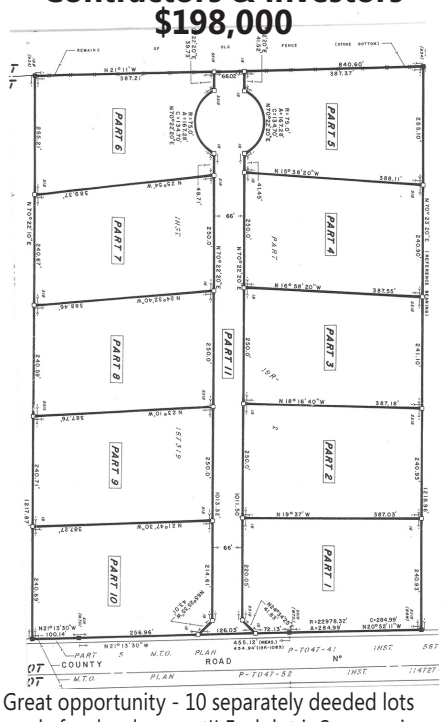

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Before you fly away, unplug to save energy and protect your home

Last winter reminded us why many Canadians pack up and head south with the birds.

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- Electronic devices left plugged in, even when turned off, still draw power. That's called phantom or standby power, and it's costing you money. Unplug the following electronics while you are away: television, home theatre system, computer, monitor, printer, electronic chargers and other appliances you don't need while you are on vacation. If you have pay-TV services, you will probably want to keep your cable television converter powered up at all times to avoid the risk of running into rebooting problems.
- For increased security, use timers on light fixtures inside and outside your home. Using timers is much less costly in the long run than leaving your lights on all day. Fluorescent lighting requires special dimmers or timers, so make sure you use the correct ones.
- Turn down the temperature in your home to 16 degrees Celsius.
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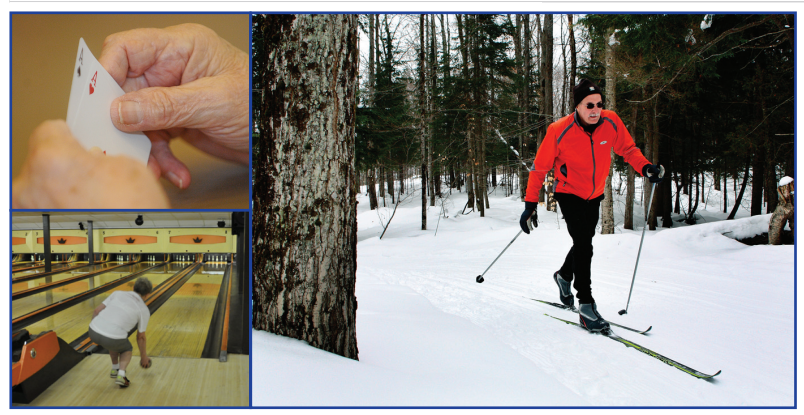

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Volunteers needed for upcoming Winter Games

By Angelica Blenich

Fun, camaraderie and Highlands pride.

These are just a few of the reasons organizers are encouraging people to volunteer their time for the Ontario 55+ Winter Games coming to Haliburton County this February.

Being held throughout the county from Feb. 17 to 19, the event is a friendly competition that includes activities such as hockey, table tennis, curling, alpine skiing and more.

To ensure the games go smoothly, organizers are seeking approximately 250 volunteers to help with everything from being a Highlands ambassador to assisting with registration, transportation, accommodations and more.

A volunteer in the 2011 event, Roxanne Casey decided to get involved because of her love of the area.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. "You meet all kinds of people ... you're able to generate this enthusiasm for having all of these people come to our county ... volunteers were walking around the street and saying hi to people. By the time all the people left, the comments were amazing about how friendly Haliburton County was."

Volunteers are needed to help make the upcoming Ontario 55+ Winter Games a success, like they were in 2011, seen here. Games organizers are looking for friendly people to help greet the 1,000 athletes who will be coming to Haliburton County in February. /File photo

To date there are about 150 people signed up to volunteer, said Casey, who is the volunteer co-ordinator for this year's event.

This will mark the second time the Winter Games has been hosted in the county, the first taking place in February 2011.

"It certainly is a major event for the county and we had a successful go at it last time and thought we could do it again," said volunteer co-ordinator and Haliburton County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson. "We've asked people who helped with the 2011 games to come back ... certainly many are."

With about 1,000 people registered for the event, Wilson believes there are many benefits to the county hosting the Winter Games, including economic spin-off and a chance to show off the area.

"We've got people coming from all over Ontario so it's an opportunity to say here's what it's like in the wintertime, just imagine what it's like in the summertime," said Wilson.

A new feature for this year's games will be a special dining outing for all athletes.

"This year during the games we're trying to have the participants be able to experience eating at different places," said Wilson.

Those places include local restaurants such as McKecks, but also area features such as the Haliburton Highlands Museum and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, where a catered meal will be provided, said Casey.

The idea is to showcase the gems throughout Haliburton Highlands.

Like in 2011, the games will include an opening and closing ceremony to be hosted at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The ceremonies will be open only to volunteers and will feature local talent, as well as some surprise guests, said organizers.

Organizers say there is a volunteer role for everybody, whether they are personable, organized, energetic or interested in behind the scenes work.

Those who assist with the event will get the opportunity to meet new people, a signature yellow scarf created just for the games and the chance to meet a Canadian celebrity (see page 5).

"They have to wear that scarf when volunteering," said Casey.

Casey said overall those who help out will have an experience they won't soon forget.

"You're going to have a lot of fun, you're going to meet some great people, you're going to have an opportunity to showcase Haliburton County in it's best possible form and you're going to be able to encourage these people, hopefully, to come back at some point in time," said Casey. "We've got all these great places to see here ... and you're going to talk to people about that."

Organizers are looking for a minimum commitment of four hours from volunteers.

Those interested in volunteering can visit www.ontario55pluswintergames.com and click on the tab marked volunteers.

All participants must fill out a volunteer registration form, indicating what role they are interested in filling during the games.

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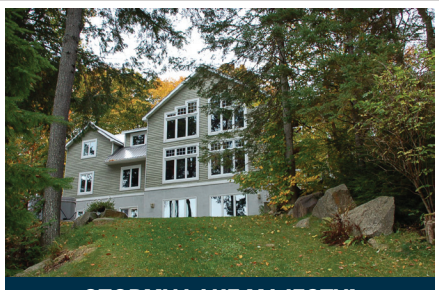

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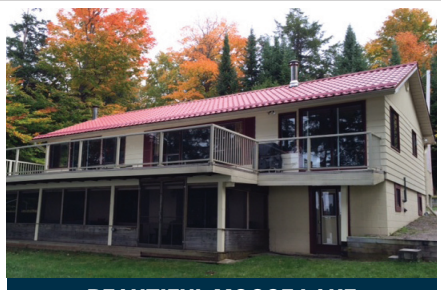

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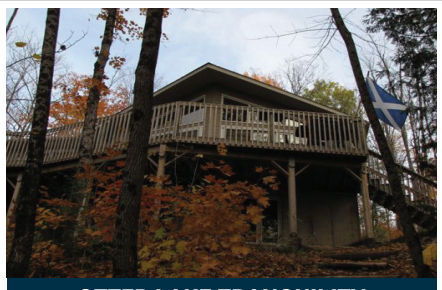

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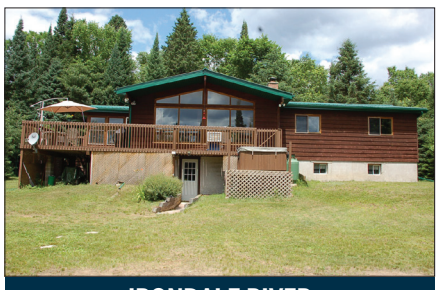

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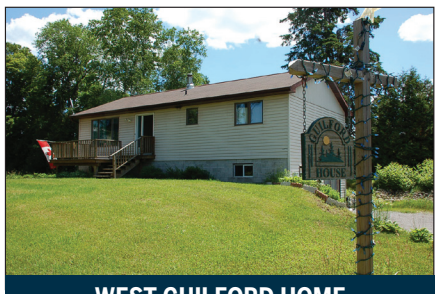

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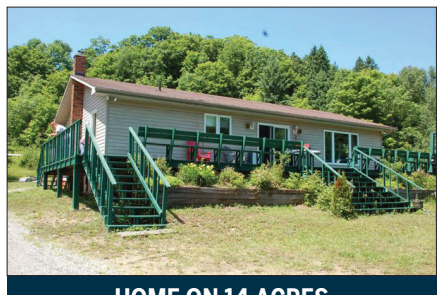

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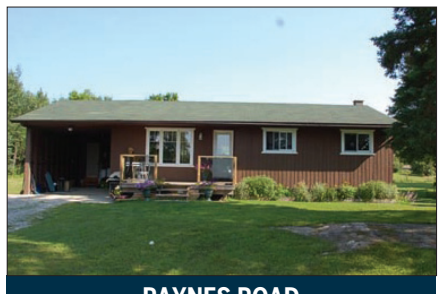

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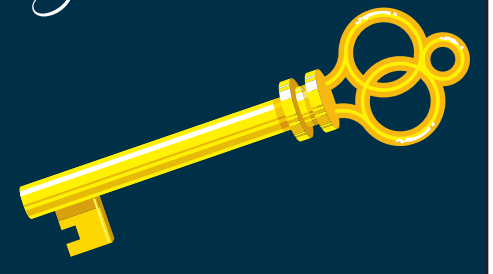

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Clearing the air

- Area residents reminded about expanded ban on smoking that takes effect in January -

People can breathe a little easier in 2015, thanks to an expanded ban on smoking in public places.

Local residents are reminded about the changes to the Smoke-Free Ontario Act that took effect on the first of January, 2015. It is now illegal to smoke on or around children's playgrounds, as well as publicly-owned sports fields and surfaces such as ice rinks and swimming pools. Smoking is also banned on all bar and restaurant patios at all times (whether covered or not). The sale of tobacco products is also banned on all university and college campuses in Ontario.

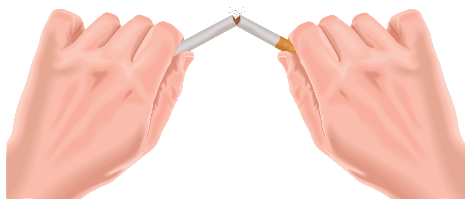
People caught smoking or holding a lit tobacco product in a banned area could face a fine of at least $305, and up to $1,000. As well, restaurant owners, operators and managers could be fined if anyone smokes on the patios of their establishments.

"These changes will help clear the air and ensure children and young people are protected from the effects of deadly tobacco smoke," says Lorne Jordan, a Tobacco Control Officer with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act first took effect on May 31, 2006, making all enclosed public places and workplaces in Ontario 100 per cent smoke-free. Rates of smoking have been on the decline ever since, notes Jordan. While nearly one-quarter of all Ontarians smoked in 2000, the provincial smoking rate had dropped to 18.1 per cent in 2013 (Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care).

With tobacco-related diseases costing Ontario's health care system an estimated $2.2 billion in direct health care costs, lower smoking rates add up to less illness, fewer preventable early deaths, and savings in tax dollars. As Jordan notes, "Smoking bans are a good investment in better health."

For more information on the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (www.ontario.ca/health-and-wellness/smoke-free-ontario), or for resources to help quit smoking, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.



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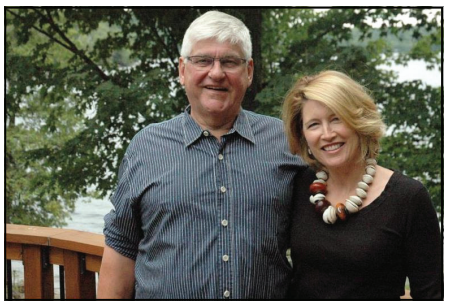

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Know it

Chartered Professional Accountant Cameron Strong is CEO of Invis-Mortgage Intelligence, a firm that evaluates borrowers' creditworthiness for mortgages for the big financial institutions. He says that peoples' credit reports and the credit scores derived from those reports are the first things lenders consider when we apply for credit cards, mortgages or lines of credit.

"Everyone should obtain a copy of their credit report once a year, and check it for accuracy," Cameron says. "Any errors should be reported to the rating agency immediately and in writing. It's especially important that your report be updated and accurate if you've recently completed a bankruptcy or consumer proposal."

Your credit report is also the first line of alert for identity theft, so pay close attention to any recent activity that you can't readily identify as your own.

In Canada, two credit reporting agencies track our credit histories and assign scores: TransUnion and Equifax. Either will give you online access to your credit report in minutes for about $20.

Understand it

Your credit report is the story of your experience and track record with managing money, particularly debt. It's requested by potential lenders when we apply to borrow money for a new car or a house. Employers may even request it when we apply for certain jobs in regulated industries.

Banks, credit card companies and other creditors or lenders report our borrowing history, habits and behaviours to the credit reporting agencies, whose services they retain to track this very thing. The agencies use this information to figure out our *credit score,* which is an aggregate, numerical value derived from our credit report. It can be anywhere from 300 to 900; the higher, the better.

Good credit scores are gold stars on our money-management report cards. They confirm that we are a responsible, low-risk borrower who pays their bills on time and in full. People with good credit scores have an easier time getting loans and get better interest rates when they do.

"Those small differences of a percentage point or two can amount to huge savings," says Chartered Professional Accountant Kathy Kruivitsky, a portfolio manager with Watson Di Primio Steel (WDS) Investment Management Ltd. in Ottawa. "Over the course of a 30-year mortgage, for example, a person with poor credit could pay $90,000 or more in interest than someone with an excellent credit score."

"Even your utility bills factor into your credit score," says Chartered Professional Accountant David Gowling, senior vice-president with MNP Ltd. in Hamilton. "They don't report it if your credit history is good; only if it's bad. People who have never had credit, like new Canadians (credit history in other countries doesn't count), young people just starting out, and those who have always paid in cash, can be even worse off than those with bad credit. They have no credit history, so they have poor scores, even if they've managed money well, have solid bank accounts and little or no debt."

Improve it

All this begs the obvious question: What if your credit report has some less than optimal history, and your score is not all it could or should be? Here are nine tips these experts recommend you take to improve your credit score, manage your debts better, and ultimately, save money when you borrow.

1. **Pay your bills on time.** This, the experts all agree, is the single, number one, best thing you can do to keep your credit rating solid. "Set your smart phone to remind you when bills are due, and always, always, pay at least the minimum," says Kathy. "Or, better still, set up automatic preauthorized payments at the bank that will make those minimum payments for you and on time—no reminder needed."
2. **Pay ALL your bills on time.** Think no one cares about that $50 cell phone bill you left unpaid when you switched service providers? Don't count on it. "One of the worst things is neglecting to pay something minor, maybe because of some kind of dispute," says Cameron. "Often it's a young person, maybe studying to become a professional, and their future ability to finance their education or their career can be compromised."
3. **Don't max out your credit cards.** Running your cards up to the limit—even to take advantage of a reward plan—is not a good idea. "Try to keep your balance at half or less of the credit limit you've been given," says David. If you need more, it's probably better to spread it out over two cards.
4. **Start young to establish credit history.** "The length of your credit history is a big component of your credit report," says Cameron. "When you start college or get your first job, get a credit card with a modest limit and handle it responsibly." Kathy often advises couples of the importance of having their own individual credit history, too. "Put the foundation in place in case a divorce or other kind of life change has you looking for credit under your own name," she advises.
5. **Think strategically about cancelling credit cards you're not using.** You'd think it would make sense to get rid of unused cards that are just taking up room in your wallet. "Not necessarily," says Kruivitsky. "When you close down a card, you lose history. Better to just put any you're not using away in a safe place." But if you're applying for a large loan like a mortgage, consider that some lenders may view all available credit as a liability. In that case, you might want to cancel unused cards. Or, if you're trying to check your spending and worry that having that card around will be just too tempting, Gowling recommends you get out the scissors and take more decisive action.
6. **Don't apply for too much credit too quickly.** "Looking for too much credit too soon—even for things like cell phone plans—can give the appearance of financial difficulty," says Kathy. "Space those requests out. Wait at least six months before applying for another credit card." It's important, too, to apply for the right kind of credit when you need it. Don't try to buy a car with a credit card or get a line of credit to pay for shoes."
7. **Don't take the biggest loan the bank will give you**. It can be tempting to take all the money those lenders want to give us. "People sometimes think the banks won't loan them money unless they're sure they can repay it," says David. "It's simply not true. It's not up to the bank to pay back that loan; it's up to *you*."
8. **Place a "check with me" warning note on your credit report file**. Life happens. Couples break up, wallets get lost or stolen, among other matters. "When this occurs, call the credit rating agency," Cameron advises. "Have them put a warning on your file to say your card's been stolen, your identity may have been compromised, and no credit is to be granted without notifying you in writing first."
9. **Get help managing money.** Wrangling with creditors can result in legal judgements, your wages being garnisheed or other negative consequences. Avoid them by dealing with issues immediately and in entirety. "If you're in bankruptcy or having to make a consumer proposal, credit counselling is mandatory," says David. "They'll give you tips and advice to help rebuild your credit score. But before things get that far, take advantage of the many not-for-profits, like Credit Canada Debt Solutions, that can help you learn to manage debt responsibly. You'll be able to improve your credit report, and get all the advantages that come with a good credit score."

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January thaw

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

Every January since the beginning of time, there has been a January thaw. Unless I am mistaken, ours just happened two minutes ago and finished 30 seconds after that.

That's the problem with January thaws. You have to take what comes.

The sad part is not many people actually recognize what constitutes a January thaw – and therefore miss out on celebrating it.

Never fear. I'm here to help with these 10 telltale signs.

1. The sun finally peeks out from behind a cloud, but only while you are driving towards it. This is typically because you have chosen to drive to warmer climes precisely at the start of the January thaw. Those warmer climes, by the way, will be experiencing their worst weather in decades. Sorry about your luck.
2. When you lick a metal sign pole, the paramedics can unstick your tongue in half the usual time. By the way, if you know what the "usual time" is, you need more than the help of paramedics.
3. Your anatomically correct snowman looks fairly embarrassed and asks for something called Iceagra.
4. Old ice fishing holes do not freeze up as quickly but the water running down the top of your boot as you extract your foot from one is still pretty cold.
5. The chickadees are wearing bikinis – or you've had one too many celebratory drinks.
6. The snow on the roof of your car relocates to the windshield – while you are doing 80 kilometres an hour.
7. The Polar Bear Club knocks on your door and asks if they can rent your back yard ice rink.
8. Two words: cheap slushies. Just add flavoring, unless you are a fan of road salt.
9. You are overdressed for the sun and underdressed for the shade.
10. You finally find out where you left your car.

There you have it. Now when the next January thaw comes – in April – you'll be ready.

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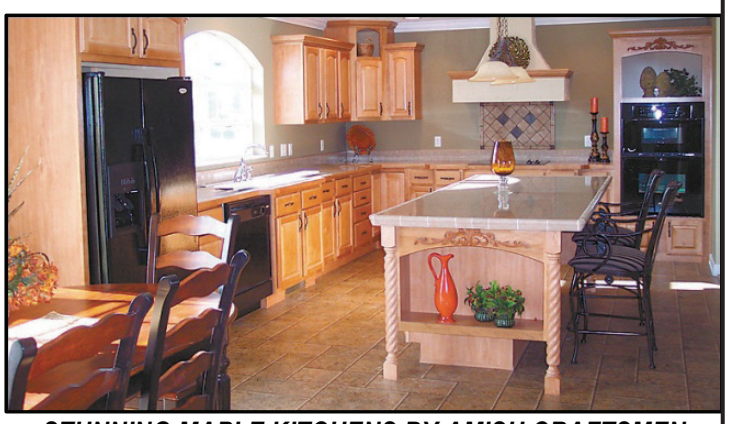

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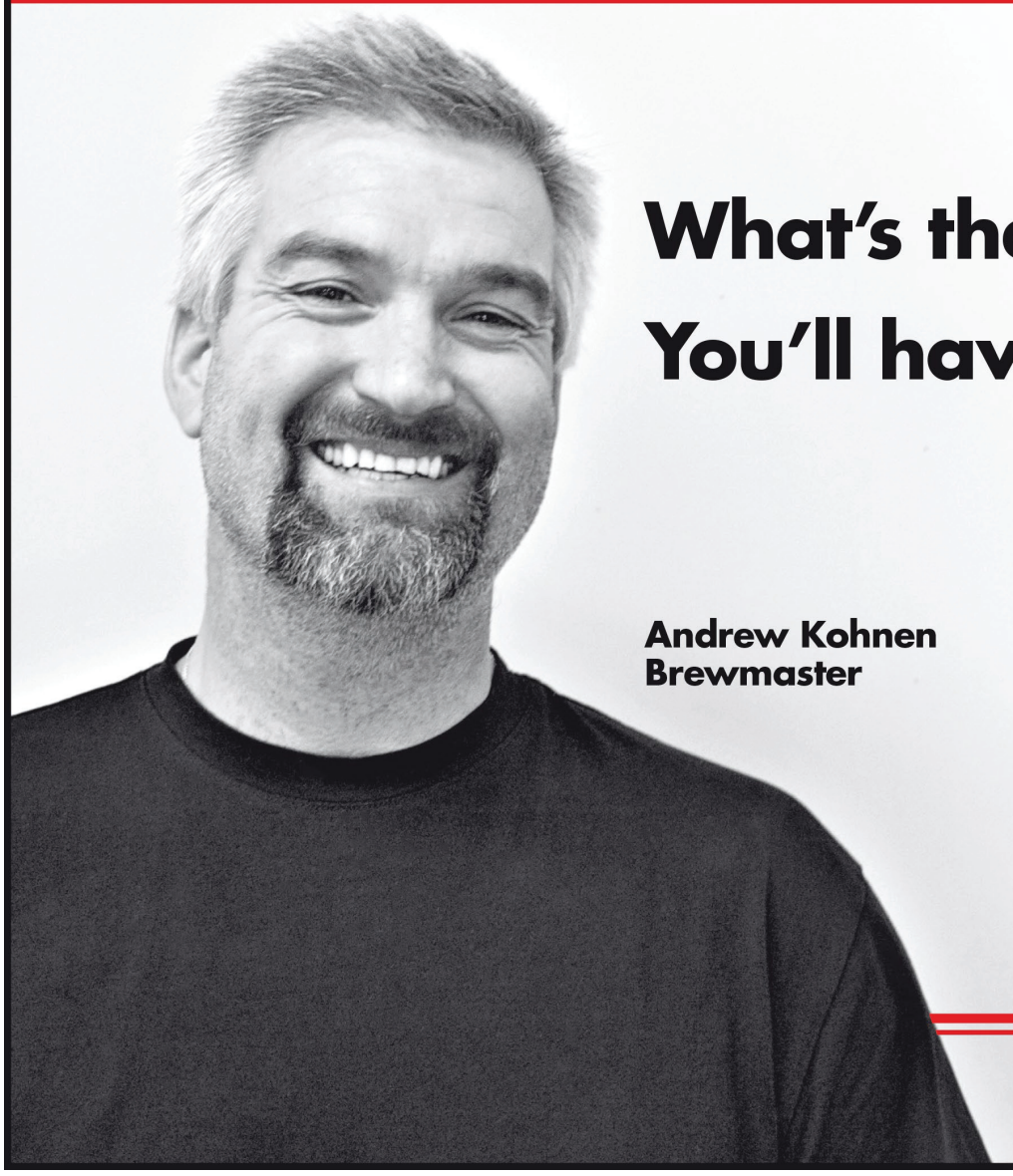

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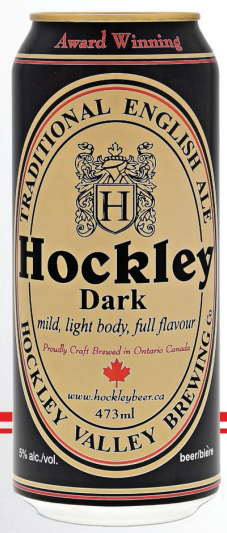

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INFORMATION
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Info - bgebauer@hhhs.on.ca
dwalker@hhhs.on.ca
705-457-1580 HHHS Foundation
Teams - waltertose@gmail.com
www.hhhs.on.ca

DIVISIONS
Tournament Divisions:
Open, 35+, 50+ and Women's.
Prizes for division winners
Entry Fee: $650
- Limited to 16 teams

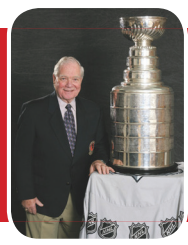
Please Join Us For A Great Weekend of Hockey & Fun! FEBRUARY 6-8

SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena & Community Centre – Minden

Friday 6th
Hockey Games: 6pm-12am
Scotty's Pub & Hot Stove Lounge
* SPECIAL HOCKEY GUESTS *
7pm-9pm ~$10.00 person
Silent Auction Bidding

Saturday 7th
Hockey Games: 7am-12am
Exhibition Game - 7pm
HHSS Hockey Alumni/NHL Officials
Entertainment - 8pm
Silent Auction Bidding
Closes @ 10pm

Sunday 8th
Hockey Games: 8am -12pm
Tournament Finals
Presentations



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UPCOMING

Community Events

PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

Recurring Events

30 Years, 30 Artifacts
When: December to March
Where: Minden Hills Museum
An exhibition showcasing artifacts representing the museum's collection over the past 30 years.
Contact: 705-286-3154, www.mindenhills.ca/museum

The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology
When: December to March
Where: Nature's Place
Dead Zones in bodies of water are developing in the lakes and oceans throughout the world. How they are being created? Can they be controlled? Contact: 705-286-3154, www.mindenhills.ca/museum

Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild Open Studios
When: Daytime - every Tues. 1-4
Evening - the 3rd. Wed. of every month
Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Quilters & Needle Workers Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Dorset Evening Yoga Classes
When: Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$75 for 6 classes or $15 per class. For more information contact Caroline Leeder at huttcaroline@gmail.com or 705-767-1177

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
Directed by Laurel McCauley, is welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear.
All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.
Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm at Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.

Dated Events

MINDEN: Baby's Own Program
Starts Monday, January 19, 11 am to 12:30 pm, Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd.) in Minden. A six-week support and information group for parents of children up to a year old (continues on the following dates: January 26, February 2, 9, 16 and 23).
Call (705) 457-1391 for information or to register.

David Francey in Concert
Three time Juno award winner, David Francey will be performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Saturday, January 31st 7:30 pm . SOCAN magazine describes Francey as "a consummate craftsman… one of the biggest stars of Canadian folk music". Cassidy Glecoff accompanied by Chad Ingram and Tim Tofflemire will open for Francey. Tammy Rea will be MC. The art of local visual artists will be on display. Tickets are available at www.madeinhaliburton.ca , Halco Electronics in Haliburton and The Organic Times in Minden. For more information call (705) 754-FOLK or visit www.haliburtonfolk.com

Places for People Annual Bowlathon
Planning is now underway… Come out on Saturday February 7th atThe Fast Lane in Minden. Pull your own team together or participate on one of our teams. Spaces are available for either the 12:30pm or 3pm game times. It's a lot of fun, supports a great cause and there are prizes to be won! Visit www.placesforpeople.ca/whats-new/ and contact Lisa Tolentino LisaTolentino5@gmail.com (705) 286-4660 or Fred Phipps fredandjudy50@gmail.com (705) 457-9694 for more information.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association
When: Saturday, February 14, 11-2pm, Family Day Weekend
Where: Rail Trail B103 at Gelert Cemetary 3km north of the B112.
Come and join us for a BBQ lunch, meet other club members and Directors and see how a Groomer works.
We will have $5 peameal on a bun, $3 hot dogs with drinks and chips. There will be on the spot draw prizes.
Contact: hcsa.ca or ejesseman@bell.net

Halburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge At The 2015 Haliburton Frost Festival
Date: Saturday, February 14th, 2015
Place: Head Lake Park, Haliburton
Time: Registration 10 am – 12 pm Plunge 1:00 pm
Pledge forms located at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, Todds Independent Grocers and West Guilford Shopping Centre or on the website at: http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php
Pledges can be donated to the Sick Kids Eye Project or HHHSF Palliative Care Wing

HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course
Thursday, February 26, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton. This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is $40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Jan Simon PRO

Friday Community Care 55+ Lunch 12:00pm Please call Gwen Otto at 705-448-2106 to reserve. Everyone 55+ welcome!!
Pool 1:30PM
Jam Session 7:30PM
Saturday Meat Draw 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Early Bird 3 pm sharp
Robbie Burns Dinner – Refreshments 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm. Entertainment following dinner - $15/person
Tickets available at the Branch
Monday Bid Euchre
Wednesday Fun Darts
Upcoming Events
Saturday – January 31st – Pat & Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fish Derby $15/person. Weigh in 3:00-6:00pm at the branch – tickets available now!

Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Open dart night at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - $500 Jackpot $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays: Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 am – 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring The Highlands Trio in the Club Room Saturday February 7th 4-7 PM. Enjoy pulled pork on a bun for just $5. No cover.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion today for more information 705 457 2571
Please come out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129… everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541
Open Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fridays til 9pm, Sundays 1-5.
Air-conditioned clubroom open to the public, Patio open, Wifi, debit machine, table trivia, dart boards
Big Euchre, 1st Sunday of the month, includes lunch
Lunches **noon to 2pm**
Mon to Thursday: full menu and daily specials.
Friday lunch menu: beer-battered fish with fries or onion rings. Friday supper 5-7pm also chicken wings
Wednesdays: Meat Draw at noon, $8 buys 8 chances for butcher-quality meat.
Ladies Darts on **Thursdays**

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Minden Pharmasave wishes to announce a change in ownership.
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Peter Meraw and Richard Smith at the Minden Pharmasave.

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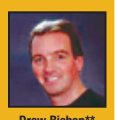
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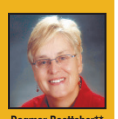
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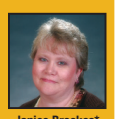
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Fantastic Chalet or Home $249,000

- Well-appointed 3 bdrm, 2 full baths
- Features include; open concept, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, main floor laundry
- Full finished cozy basement with walkout

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23

Pine Street $259,000

- Renovated 4+ bdrm in town home
- New windows upstairs, soffit and eaves
- New propane boiler and furnace
- Flat lot with lots of parking

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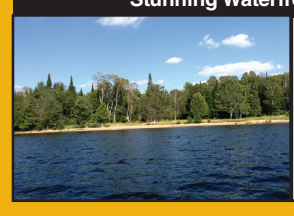
Stunning Waterfront Lot $299,000



- Over 6 acres; West exp. Sand Beach
- 575' on Oblong Lake - a 2 lake chain
- Level lot and year round access
- Bell and high speed at lot line

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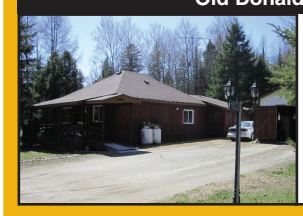
Old Donald $175,900



- 3.9 acres close to Haliburton
- Lovely and cozy 2 bdrm home w/ garage
- Upgrades include high eff propane furnace, kitchen appl, shower, elec panel & walk in shower

Gloria Carnochan 754-1932

Just Minutes From Town $259,900

- 166 Ft road frontage, 1.01 Acres
- 3 bedrooms w/4 pc bath
- Open concept design, lg rec rom & bar
- Oversized det'd/heated garage w/sep. suite

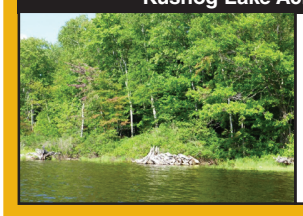
Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30

Main Street Minden Priced to Sell

- 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, main floor laundry
- Newer furnace, windows, beautiful finished
- Wrap around porch, garage with loft
- Walk to all services - Only $159,000

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

Kushog Lake Acreage $195,000



- 30 acres with 85 feet waterfront
- Off year round municipal road
- Many great building sites
- Hard sand bottom waterfront

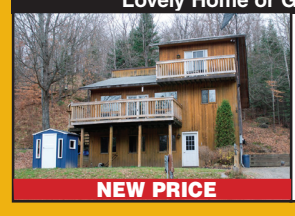
Lee Gauthier 489-9968

3 Lake Chain! $339,900

- Great opportunity on Beech Lake
- Charming cottage on level lot, south facing
- Features 100 ft of sandy shoreline, great for the kids
- Lots of potential and priced to sell!

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

Lovely Home or Getaway! $149,000



- 3 Bdrm, 1 Bath, only 10 min to Haliburton
- Open concept, lots of windows, 2 living areas
- W/O deck through kitchen & master
- Easy access to snowmobile trails & lake

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Koshlong Lake Area $79,900

- 29+ acres near Koshlong Lake
- Abuts road allowance to lake
- Part commercial zoning
- Year round access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher
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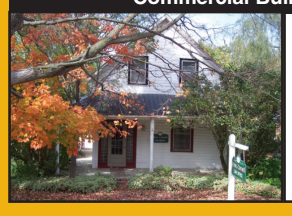
Commercial Building $239,900



- Nicely renovated 2 story office building
- Great location downtown Minden
- Ideal for professional or retail business
- Presently has a tenant on lease

Valerie Kulla 286-2138

Haliburton Commercial $249,900

- Wonderful downtown location
- Currently used as a triplex
- Commercially zoned for future
- Private parking

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

Great Starter Cottage $105,000

- 3 bedroom starter cottage
- Private setting
- Township road
- Public access to Clear Lake across the road

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Eagle Lake Home $229,000

- Recently built Guildcrest home
- Close to Sir Sam`s Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jaccuzzi tub

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Country Home! $209,000

- Open concept kitchen/dining/living room
- Cathedral ceilings, large window wall and wood burning fireplace
- 3 bedrooms, 4 pc bath, WO basement
- Double Car Garage! 11+ Acres!

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Glamor Lake $569,000

- 5 bdrm, 3 bath, master w/ensuite
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31

Halls Lake $250,000

- Great property with original 1940's cabin
- + 440 sq ft Bunkie with 1 BR, bath & kitchen
- Beautiful, hard packed, sand bottom beach!!

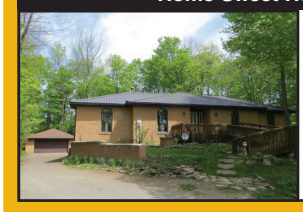
Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

Highway 35 $199,000

- Great commercial lot, Just over 2 acres
- Close to several new business developments
- Fantastic business opportunity, call today!

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

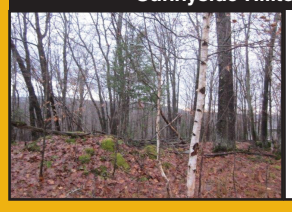
Home Sweet Home $315,900



- Gorgeous country setting yet in town home
- 4 BRs and 2 ½ baths, main floor laundry
- Main floor family room, lower level rec rm
- 2 car garage, beautiful lot and super yard

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

Sunnyside Hilltop Lot $68,500



- Scenic hilltop views over Haliburton Village
- Multi-exposure 1.5 acre residential lot
- Private setting in area of finer homes
- Well-maintained Township road - a "Must-Buy!"

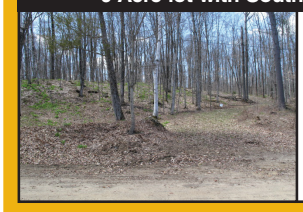
Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Clear Lake $425,000

- Fantastic 3 Bdrm/1.5 Bath Year Round Cottage
- Living Room w/wood stove, Kitchen Breakfast Bar
- Wraparound Deck for Easy Entertaining
- Sand Shoreline, Oversized Detached Garage

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

9 Acre lot with South Lk access $49,000



- Gorgeous 9 acre lot overlooking South Lake
- Several building sites to choose from
- Driveway is already in!

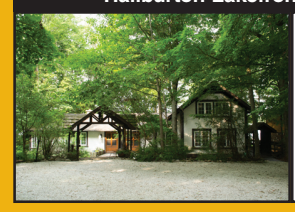
Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Close to Town! $150,000

- Immaculate, 2 bdrm plus den, 1.5 bath
- Private, quiet neighbourhood, easy access
- Recent upgrades: propane furnace, roof, deck
- Bright, open home close to lake access

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Haliburton Lakefront Classic! $699,000



- Charming 3200 sq ft home; 3BR; 2 bath
- 170' ftg on Grass Lake; 5 Lake chain
- Beautifully landscaped; Western exposure; Large decks
- Ideal for a large family or entertaining

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31

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